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HYBRID TEA ROSE PLANT NAMED 'WHY NOT CHERISE?'

**CLASSIFICATION**

The present invention relates to a *Rosa hybrida* plant.

## VARIETY DENOMINATION

5       The new plant has the varietal denomination 'WHY NOT  
CHERISE?'.       .

## BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a new and distinct variety of rose plant of the hybrid tea rose of the genus *Rosaceae* which was created by crossing as seed and pollen parents two (2) unknown rose varieties. The varietal denomination of the new variety is 'WHY NOT CHERISE?'.  
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## SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Among the novel characteristics possessed by this new  
15 variety which distinguishes it from other varieties of which I  
am aware, is its dark red flowers.

Asexual reproduction by propagation by budding of the new variety onto 'Dr. Huey' rootstock as performed in Wasco, California shows that the foregoing and other distinguishing characteristics come true to form and are established and transmitted through succeeding propagations.

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ILLUSTRATION

The accompanying illustration shows typical specimens of the flowers and foliage of the new variety depicted in color as nearly true as it is reasonably possible to make the same in a color illustration of this character.

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**DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW VARIETY**

The following is a detailed description of 2-year budded plants of the new variety, with color terminology in accordance with *The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart* (RHSCC). The terminology used in color description herein refers to plate numbers in the aforementioned color chart. Phenotypic expression may vary with light availability, environmental and cultural conditions.

The following observations are made of specimens grown outdoors in Wasco, California, during the month of November budded on 'DR. HUEY' understock.

**PLANT**

	Form:	Upright
	Growth:	Very vigorous
15	Size:	Height about 5 feet; width about 3 feet
	Foliage	
	Size:	Terminal leaflet length about 3 inches; width about 1 1/2 inches
20	Quantity:	Usually 5 leaflet leaves
	Color	
	New foliage:	Upper side near 146B; under side near 182C
25	Mature foliage:	Upper side near 147A; under side near 147C
	Shape:	Elliptic
	Texture	Upper side smooth, semi-glossy; under side matte
	Edge:	Serrated
30	Serration:	Serrate

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5      Petioles:                      Top surface color near 146B;  
   Under side near 147C

         Stipules:                      Medium

         Auricle:                      Small, slightly serrated

5      Rachis:                      Smooth

WOOD

         New shoots

             Bark:                      Smooth

             Wood:                      Near 137B with anthocyanin blush  
10                                      near 46A

         Old wood

             Bark:                      Smooth

             Wood:                      Near 137C

         Flowering stem:              Length about 18 inches

15      Winter Hardiness:              Completely winter hardy

         Resistance to Disease:      Average

         Preferred growing  
         conditions:                      Full sun

         Growth habit:                      Upright

20      Leaves per stem:              About 7

         Prickles/Thorns:              ~~Triangle shaped thorns, 1/4 inch~~  
   ~~high, 5/8 inches at base~~Plant  
   bears both large and small  
   prickles; large prickles about  
25                                      3/16 in., small prickles about  
   1/16 in., randomly distributed,  
   ~~color else~~ ~~tenear~~ 20D

FLOWER/INFLORESCENCE

         Blooming Habit:                      Continuous

30              Bud:                      About 1 1/2 inches long, 1 3/8  
   inches wide

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Form: High centered

Color: Before sepals divide color near 46B; when sepals first divide color near 47B; when petals begin to unfurl color near 47D

5 Sepals: Usually 5 per bloom, length about 1 7/8 inch, width about 1/4 inch tapering down to 1/8 inch, top and bottom color from near 143A ~~(top)~~, (tip) to near 143C ~~(bottombase)~~

10 Size: Length in relation to bud about 1 3/8 inches

~~Color: Topside near 158A; bottom near 147B~~

15 Peduncle Typically with numerous acicular projections

Length: About 4 1/2 inches, ~~smooth~~

Strength: Erect

20 Color: Near 139D

Flower

Size: About 5 2/3 inches

Borne: Single

Form: Very high centered

25 Petalage: About 42

Petaloids in center: Few; between 3 to 4, color near 57A

Persistence: Petals do not drop

30 Fragrance: Medium

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Lasting Quality: About 3 weeks on plant; about 7 days after cutting

Color

5 During first 2 days: Inner petals at flower center topside near 46C; bottom near 46D; outer petals topside near 47D, bottom near 48C

10 Base of petals (Point of attachment): Near 2A

General tonality from a distance: Near 53C

Color Change: Fades slightly; after 3 or more days fades to near 49A

15 Petals

<u>Margin</u>	<u>Smooth</u>
Texture:	Thick
Shape:	Oblong, $1\frac{1}{4}$ <del><math>\frac{3}{4}</math></del> inch wide, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch long
20 Arrangement:	Imbricated
Appearance:	Velvety front, satiny back

**REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS**

Arrangement of stamens, Filaments and Anthers:

25 Regularly arranged around styles, usually about 110 anthers and filaments

Color: Filaments near 48A; Anthers near 48C

Pollen: No pollen

30 Styles: Medium length; color near 47C

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Hips/Seed Vessels/  
Ovaries

	Shape:	Round
	Size:	Small; about 1/2 inch
5	Color:	Near 140A
	Seeds:	No seeds